

TOWN OF CLARKSON – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
January 19, 2011

PRESENT – Board Members

Conrad Ziarniak - Chairperson
Paul Dittman
Jackie Smith
Scott G. Tantalo
Michael Beadling

Support Board Members

Richard Olson, Town Attorney *
Chad Fabry, Code Enforcement *
Ursula M. Liotta, Building Dept. Coordinator

Excused *

CALL TO ORDER:

C. Ziarniak opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance, and reviewed the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Applicant: Clarkson Historical Society
Re: Special Permit Application for a Permanent Sign at the Clarkson Academy
Property Address: 8343 Ridge Road, Tax Acct. #054.14-1-41, Zoned RS-10
Property Owner: Clarkson Community Church /Schoolhouse No 2

C. Ziarniak opened the Public Hearing by reading the legal notice aloud. Don Lage, President of the Clarkson Historical Society, briefly stated the purpose of the application. Further, he provided the following information, as requested by the Board at the January 5, 2011 meeting:

- The placement of the sign within the lot dimensions was provided. The sign will be located approximately 123' from the South property line, and 25' from the West property line.
- The proposed lettering for the sign panel was provided. The sign will be professionally made by LonoWood Art Company, the same company that made the "Welcome to Clarkson" signs; and the lettering font and colors will be identical to those signs.

D. Lage stated that the Clarkson Historical Society considered having the Boy Scouts construct and erect the sign, however, they have recently decided to have the work done professionally. C. Ziarniak reiterated that the sign will be below 7' tall including the architectural elements of the sign, and less than 20 sq. ft. total; and the smaller panel is less than 3 sq. ft. The sign and the smaller panel as drawn and as included with the application will be permanent; there will be no interchangeable panel as discussed at the previous meeting. The sign will not be illuminated.

There were no comments from the public. C. Ziarniak made a motion to close the Public Hearing; second by P. Dittman; unanimously carried. There was no further Board discussion.

C. Ziarniak made a motion determining that this matter is a Type II SEQR action and therefore, not subject to further environmental review; second by J. Smith; unanimously carried. J. Smith made a motion granting the Special Permit for a permanent sign, to include the following:

- the sign shall be professionally designed and constructed
- the sign shall be less than 20 sq. ft in size
- the sign shall stand approximately 7' high
- the sign shall be erected approximately 6" from the building at the Northwest corner
- the sign shall be made of exterior grade painted redwood
- the sign shall be painted green and gold, similar to the "Welcome to Clarkson" signs
- the sign shall not be illuminated
- the sign shall be kept in like-new condition

Seconded by S. Tantalo; unanimously carried. A Notice of Decision will be prepared.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES: January 5, 2010

J. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes; second by M. Beadling; unanimously carried.

OTHER:

J. Smith questioned the temporary sign that was permitted to Trojian/Konar at 122 West Avenue last March 2010. The matter had been diaried to March 1, 2011 for construction status. As of December 2010 the Board was advised that the project is no longer going forward. U. Liotta will follow-up with Michael Trojian as to the removal of the temporary sign.

ADJOURNMENT: C. Ziarniak made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; second by P. Dittman; unanimously carried.

NEXT MEETING: February 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. P. Dittman and M. Beadling will be unable to attend.

Approved 2-16-11

Respectfully Submitted,

Ursula M. Liotta,
Administrative Assistant